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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady in the Midwest, mixed, but at least steady in the remaining areas. Demand covered the full range with best movement for retail ads and fast food. Supplies of smaller sizes were adequate to close, but heavier weights were more available. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Dark meat was close to tight and continued to move strong. Wings were readily available, and breast items were at least adequate, longest for tenders. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 74.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 76.25 cents last year on May 12, 2004.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	179.50
BREASTS - B/S	146.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	101.00
LEG QUARTERS	38.00
WINGS	85.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate, best for active retail ads and fast food specials. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Dark meat remained in the strongest position with supplies balanced to tight and moving. Breast items and wings were mixed, but overall at least steady with limited movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged light to moderate for midweek trading. Offerings were generally adequate to tight with 4 pound sizes slightly more available. Retail and distributive movement was at least moderate. The market tone was at least steady. In the parts complex, breast items and wings remained at least adequate and dark meat cuts were clearing satisfactorily. Tenders were readily available and slow to clear.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Offerings were light to moderate with heavy weights most available. Retail and food service demand continued irregular with retail features and fast food showing good movement. Floor stocks adequate; weights desirable to trending heavy. Parts offerings were limited on dark meat, moderate to heavy on white meat cuts with tenderloins burdensome. Trade interest remained light overall. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat, steady on wings, weak on tenderloins and steady with a barely steady undertone on remaining breast cuts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was fully steady. Offerings in fair balance to adequate for trade needs. Whole body product over 3.5 pounds was in the longest position. Demand was moderate to good, best where featured. Floor stocks in fairly good balance. The market tone was mixed on parts with dark meat fully steady to firm, wings and breasts overall steady.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 05/07/05	2005	2004
EGGS SET	214,203	212,957
CHICKS PLACED	177,440	176,351
		PREVIOUS YEAR
		+01
		+01

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 7, 2005. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 7, 2005. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through May 7, 2005 were 3.16 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 18-Jun-05 is estimated at 164.3 million head. This compares to 163.1 million head the previous week and to 164.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 157.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 81.52 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	730	116.00-150.00	122-125	125.79
TENDERLOINS	223	147.00-205.00	-	156.19
BREAST - LINE RUN	83	79.00-87.00	82-85	82.86
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	63	50.00-59.00	51	52.78
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	512	35.00-39.00	36-37	36.66
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	830	36.00-42.00	38-39	38.94
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	71.00-85.00	79-82	80.37
WINGS (CUT)	432	88.00-101.00	98-100	97.63
DRUMSTICKS	68	50.00-56.00	-	52.94
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	160	92.00-110.00	-	99.00

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	680	119.00-187.00	123-128	128.00
TENDERLOINS	348	127.00-178.00	143-147	142.28
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	79.00-90.00	82-85	84.82
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	64	50.00-58.00	51-52	52.50
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	528	35.00-40.00	36-37	36.49
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,020	36.00-42.00	38-39	38.71
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	71.00-85.00	79-82	80.37
WINGS (CUT)	400	88.00-100.00	96-99	97.15
DRUMSTICKS	93	48.00-56.00	-	53.33
THIGHS	43	47.00-53.00	-	50.35
B/S THIGHS	120	93.00-110.00	-	101.33

 F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE
 53.50 - 58.00 54.99

RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE 5-DAY AVERAGE
 52.50-59.50 55.75 55.53

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity for midweek was mostly fair to moderate. Offerings of breast items were more than sufficient for current needs. Tenders remained readily available and competitively priced. Wings were irregular but mostly available. Dark meat items were in good balance to well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was mostly moderate. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on dark meat cuts. Breast items were generally steady at best. Wings were about steady.

*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140	138.53	711,940
TENDERLOINS	150	151.44	223,679
BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83	91.95	129,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	83.10	85,160
LEGS	52-53	52.54	250,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38-39	38.36	507,377
DRUMSTICKS	43-44	45.67	203,060
THIGHS	43-44	52.76	101,780
B/S THIGHS	102-103	96.53	141,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	82-83	91.73	130,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.82	25,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	33.08	20,600
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	48.88	24,680

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140	137.45	555,120
TENDERLOINS	145-150	149.35	55,300
BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83	92.09	104,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	83.03	79,000
LEGS	52-53	53.10	208,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38-39	38.79	295,400
DRUMSTICKS	43-44	47.40	165,000
THIGHS	43-44	52.42	69,560
B/S THIGHS	103-104	102.91	108,320
WINGS (WHOLE)	82-83	90.53	121,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.90	27,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	31.99	18,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	48.97	23,880

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL WTS	AVG WTS
	05/11	05/10	05/09	05/06	05/09
Alabama	3,959	4,121	4,009	4,043	5.38
Arkansas	5,525	5,491	5,337	5,523	5.19
Delmarva	2,311	2,183	2,268	2,071	5.73
KY-LA-TN	2,250	2,253	2,222	2,372	5.06
Mississippi	3,031	3,153	2,755	3,944	5.96
North Car	2,519	2,527	2,528	3,069	6.50
Texas	2,475	2,452	2,833	2,563	5.28
Total	22,070	22,180	21,952	23,585	5.53
Mon-Wed	66,110(A)				65,183(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-May-05 is estimated to be 33,019,000 head up 1.73 percent from a week ago and up 4.73 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 32,459,000, last year 31,527,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 105-107
	DRY PACK 105-108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 108-111
	DRY PACK 111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 89-93
	DRY PACK 89-95
DUCKS	180-192

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 14-May-05

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	05/14/05 (1)	05/07/05
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	168,117 (2)	168,339
Light hens	1,525	1,763
Heavy hens	1,417	1,475
Total	171,059	171,577

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 14-May-05 is 166.3 million head compared to 160.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 168.5 million head or 2.2 million more than estimated available. For the week of 21-May-05 the estimated available is 166.3 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 05/09/05	113,610	48,239
AM 04/01/05	112,518	48,154
CHG	1,092	85
PCT CHG	1	0

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	05/09/05	05/02/05	05/10/04	05/09/05	05/02/05	05/10/04
PACIFIC						
COAST	4,160	4,152	81,556	6,140	5,919	3,495
LOS ANGELES	72	48	369	3,382	3,172	1,999

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF MAY 9, 2005

	RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) 74-80
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) 80-84

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 05/10/05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	1.50	3.10	2.33	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	1.00	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	.40	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.50	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	5.50	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	-	.40	-	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	5.00	8.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	1.00	4.75	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	35						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending May 6, 2005

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	74.27	141.07	82.98	18.67	6.22	67.22
High	76.76	149.37	91.28	24.89	12.45	67.22
Mostly	74.68	145.22	87.13	20.75	8.30	67.22

SAN JUAN

Low	73.44	141.07	82.98	18.67	6.22	66.39
High	75.93	149.37	91.28	24.89	12.45	66.39
Mostly	74.68	145.22	87.13	20.75	8.30	66.39

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	74.68	136.92	82.98	18.67	6.22	66.39
High	75.93	149.37	91.28	24.89	12.45	66.39
Mostly	74.68	141.07	87.13	20.75	8.30	66.39

BECERRA

Low	74.68	136.92	82.98	18.67	6.22	66.39
High	76.76	149.37	91.28	24.89	12.45	66.39
Mostly	74.68	141.07	87.13	20.75	8.30	66.39

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds slowed and was typical of normal light to no better than fair mid-week activity. Seller offerings were adequate to tight with the smaller sizes generally in the closer balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 71 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment remained at least steady. In the parts complex, leg cuts continued to clear satisfactorily. Breast items and wings were adequate, occasionally ample. Tenders were readily available.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	71-90
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	75.70
NO. OF BOXES	5,978

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